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of the other sex. " 15-

"Grand old ladies," said colored female of the department,
They have been in every session, and kept the
place lively.

"Abominable creatures!" ~~and~~ replied a grave looking ^{lady} in
quiet colors, who had been almost stationary for hours.

"My sorrow! In intervals of their tiresome conversation, they were
just backbiting every body; I never heard so much gossip
in so short a time! tut, tut! what is the country coming
to!" By that I knew that my riddle was yet un-
solved and that whether in politics, as lobby members,
attaches of the press or whatsoever, so long as they ~~have~~
could gossip ^{they could} ~~in the~~ not unsex themselves and that therefore
the country was safe.